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Tire assembly repair program begins operations

The Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait kicked off operations at a new tire assembly repair site when Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, commanding general of the Army Field Support Command, cut the ribbon during a brief ceremony Dec. 21.

The Arifjan tire assembly repair program has the ability to produce up to 3,000 tires per month, and is able to produce 42 different tire assemblies for the Army's tactical wheeled vehicle fleet, said the battalion's battle captain, Capt. Marvin Walker.

Picatinny dedicates North America's largest nanotechnology laboratory

The U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., recently unveiled the largest radio-frequency plasma-based nanoparticle reactor in North America. Officials said they expect to use this capability to rapidly prototype improved defense systems on behalf of the Department of Defense and its commercial partners.

Shadow receives award for contribution to Global War on Terrorism

The Army's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle System Program Office, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., recently received the first-ever Award for Excellence in Performance-Based Logistics in the Global War on Terrorism for the Shadow 200's contributions.

The Shadow 200, an unmanned aerial system involving an operating vehicle with an onboard optical system and a ground-control station, gives “warfighters eyes above the battlefield,” said Col. Donald Hazelwood, the project manager for UAVS. Its performance during Operation Iraqi Freedom, which has included an increase in use from 50 hours to 600 hours per month per system, has gained the Shadow accolades from Soldiers and the Department of Defense.

Sierra Army Depot announces change in status for civilian employees

Officials from Sierra Army Depot, Herlong, Calif., have announced a change in work schedules that will affect up to 73 temporary federal government employees. The transition, scheduled to take effect on Jan. 21, will convert employees from a full-time duty status to an intermittent/on-call status to more effectively manage depot operating expenses.

In an intermittent/on-call status, affected employees will be called back to the depot as needed to work funded programs. This change in duty status for selected employees is the result of a reduction in funded depot programs from previous years.

“Sierra Army Depot remains committed to our workforce,” stated Sierra Army Depot Commander Lt. Col. Brian Butler. “We will ensure that all affected employees are aware of and have equal access to all available assistance.”

Transition assistance for displaced employees will be provided and representatives of state and local assistance organizations have been made available.

Did you know...

Effective immediately, vehicle operators on a Department of Defense installation and operators of government-owned vehicles, whether on or off the installation, shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device. A 30-day grace period is in effect from Jan. 1 through Jan. 31. During this time period, violators stopped by a law enforcement officer will be given a verbal warning. Beginning Feb. 1 violators will be issued a citation.